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INQUIRY INTO SECURITY LAPSES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any indepth inquiry into the security lapses which made the militants possible to attack the top military command brass and the H.Qs in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) the number of times the militants struck the H.Qs and attempted attacks on the top military brass in Jammu & Kashmir since April, 2003 stating the number of security men & officers killed in these attacks; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to make the security system impregnable?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The investigations into the following two incidents, wherein terrorists carried out suicide attacks on army camps, are still under progress:-

(i) On 28th June, 2003, two terrorists launched a suicide attack on an infantry battalion in Sunjuwan Cantonment. Both the terrorists were killed and casualties suffered by the Army were thirteen dead and six injured.

(ii) On 22nd July 2003, the terrorists launched a suicide attack on an EME battalion at Tanda (Akhnoor). All three terrorists were killed and casualties suffered by the army were ten dead and thirteen injured.

(c) Measures taken to enhance security are as follows:-

(i) Review of procedures to generate speedy and effective response.

(ii) Identification of vulnerable areas.

(iii) Sanitisation of vulnerable areas.

(iv) Controlled access to military areas.

(v) Strengthening of physical security measures.

(vi) Improved co-ordination between various agencies.